

### REMARKS

The claim amendments herein are intended to be consistent with the purpose of the Examiner's amendment and not intended to raise new issues or alter claim scope.

In claim 39, the applicants propose deleting reference to "an anti-MDC antibody of claim 26" because claim 26 is a method claim. Instead, claim 39 is amended to recite the particular antibody that is recited in the method of claim 26. Thus, the scope of the claim is unchanged.

The printed examiner's amendments to claims 48 and 49 make no sense in the context of the claims that were pending at the time of the amendment. The amendments herein are believed to reflect the intentions of the examiner and the applicant.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons given above, Applicants submit that these amendments raise no new issues and request their entry prior to issuance of the patent.

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